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## Kind Statement on the 9/11 Commission Report *Applauds Commission on its Work; Must Move Forward on Intelligence Reforms*

**Washington, DC** – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) issued the following statement today on the release of the final report by the commission investigating the September 11, 2001, attacks:

“The commission has done extraordinary work to identify institutional problems with our intelligence gathering and to make sound recommendations for how to strengthen our ability to prevent terrorist attacks. This report is not meant to ascribe blame for the horrors that occurred, but I hope its findings will serve as a framework to reform our intelligence system so that future tragedies can be avoided.

“The overarching theme in the Commission’s Report is how a failure to recognize the national security threat posed by Al Qaeda, as well as a failure in the capabilities and willingness to share information within the intelligence community, led to our vulnerability. I believe we need to be more creative and imaginative in regard to our vulnerabilities, and we need to concentrate our intelligence information so can better able to anticipate attacks before they occur.

“In this regard, the Commission recommends three specific courses of action: the creation of a National Counterterrorism Center to concentrate intelligence information in one entity; a National Intelligence Director to run the Center; and a greater level of Congressional oversight.

“I hope my colleagues in Congress will embrace the recommendations in the Commission Report in a bipartisan way so we can quickly make the changes needed to better enhance the security and safety of our citizens.”

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